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Applicants: VAN ERDEN et al.

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For: LATCHING MECHANISM FOR
COMBUSTION CHAMBER PLATE
OF A FASTENER DRIVING TOOL

Art Unit: 3748

Confirmation No.: 3731

Examiner: NGUYEN, Hoang M.



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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

(X) Response to Restriction Requirement.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 23, 2004 in the above-identified application. The Examiner has required Restriction to one of the following species of the claimed invention:

- I. Figures 1-3
- II. Figures 4-7
- III. Figures 8-11

Applicants hereby elect species I: Figures 1-3.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. Claims reading on FIGs. 1-3 are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the issues raised in the Action mailed August ²³~~12~~, 2004 have been addressed. In the event that there are outstanding issues which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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